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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1956

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, MR
SUBJ: COUP D'ETAT IN MAURITANIA: SITREP NO. 5

1. CALM CONTINUES. GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE OPEN FOR
BUSINESS, BUT ACTIVITY IS AT UNUSUALLY LOW LEVEL. CURFEW
REMAINS IN EFFECT. SECURITY BEEFED UP AT VIP GUEST HOUSE
WHERE FORMER MINISTERS BEING HELD, BUT OTHERWISE ARMED FORCES
MAINTAIN RELAXED POSTURE. COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL RECOVERY
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(CMRN) MET ALL DAY JULY 13 WITH LT. COL. AHMED SALEM OULD SIDI
AND LT. COL. CHEIKH OULD BOIDE SEATED AT HEAD TABLE ON LEFT
AND RIGHT OF PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY. COMMITTEE OF 22
NOTABLES HAS ALSO BEEN MEETING REGULARLY.

2. SPEECH BY PRESIDENT MOUSTAPHA BROADCAST JULY 13 ANNOUNCED
BROAD OUTLINES OF CMRN PROGRAM, NAMELY:

A) POLITICAL RECOVERY, INCLUDING A DETERMINATION TO
FIND A SOLUTION TO HOW QUOTE IMPOSED UPON US END QUOTE AND
STUDY OF NEW CONSTITUTION GUARANTEEING INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE
LIBERTIES AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION;
B) MORAL RECOVERY, PROMISING A RESTORATION OF ISLAMIC
MORALITY ; AND
C) ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RECOVERY, ENTAILING A GREATER
LIBERALIZATION OF ECONOMY AND REQUIRING INTERNATIONAL DEBT
RESCHEDULING ASSISTANCE.

3. IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH KRABAT, MOROCCAN SECURITY CHIEF
COLONEL AHMED DLIMI IS SAID TO HAVE RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT
JULY 13. ALSO, MAURITANIAN ENVOYS ARE CURRENTLY VISITING
RABA

4. NEW GOVERNMENT IS MUCH MORE HEAVILY WEIGHTED TO NORTH
AND EASTERN PARTS OF COUNTRY, WITH SIX OF NEW FACES FROM ATAR
REGION AND THREE EACH FROM NEMA AND KIFFA. BLACKS, AS USUAL,
IN SMALL MINORITY AS AN INTEREST GROUP WITH FOUR OF FIFTEEN
CABINET MEMBERS AND SIX OF EIGHTEEN-MAN MILITARY COMMITTEE.

5. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM MAY LEAD TO
PRESSURE FOR CREATION OF FACTIONS FROM NEGLECTED REGIONAL
OR ETHNIC GROUPINGS WILL NOT BE LONG IN FORMING. AT SAME
TIME, THERE IS QUESTIONING HERE OF WISDOM OF PROMISING
LUXURY OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ESPECIALLY IN FACE OF
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LIKELY CONTINUED ECONOMIC PRIVATIONS AND HARDSHIPS.

6. NO ADDITIONAL SITREPS ANTICIPATED UNLESS DEVELOPMENTS
WARRANT. KRYZA

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